



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Appl. No. 10/716,453

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Filed: November 20, 2003

Examiner: Oh

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING R-(-)-CARNITINE FROM S-(-)-CHLOROSUCCINIC  
ACID OR FROM A DERIVATIVE THEREOF

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May 2, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due March 30, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$120 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 2, 2005 (Monday). Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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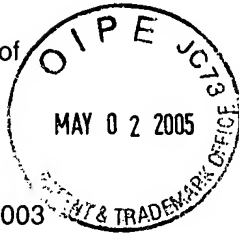
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 9 minus highest number  
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment 2 minus highest number  
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this  
paper and attachment(s)

One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)

Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)

Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)

Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254) \$ 120.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee

\$180.00 (1806) \$

Assignment Recording Fee

\$40.00 (8021) \$

Other:

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**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 120.00**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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